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SUBJ: DETENTION OF CARMEN CASTILLO ECHEVERRIA

REF: SANTIAGO 6263

1. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, THERE FOLLOWS
EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF OFFICIAL GOC STATEMENT OF OCT 14 ON
CARMEN CASTILLO.
2. "THE SUPREME CHIEF OF THE NATIONN GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET,
HAS ORDERED THAT ALL NECESSARY STEPS BE TAKEN TO SAVE THE LIFE OF
THE MIRISTA CARMEN CASTILLO ECHEVERRIA, WOUNDED IN THE CONFRONT-
ATION ON SATURDAY, THE FIFTH OF OCTOBER, IN SANTA FE STREET, IN
THE COMMUNE OF SAN MIGUEL.
3. "THE YOUNG WOMAN IS PRESENTLY IN THE MILITARY HOSPITAL
BECAUSE OF WOUNDS RESULTING FROM GUNSHOT AND A GRENADE, WHICH
EXPLODED DURING THE MOMENTS IN WHICH SHE WAS ABOUT TO THROW IT
AGAINST THE SECURITY FORCES.

"CARMEN CASTILLO WAS FOUND TOGETHER WITH MIGUEL ENRIQUEZ
AND OTHER MIRISTAS OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSION OF THAT VIOLENT
GROUP, WHEN THERE OCCURRED THE EXCHANGE OF FIRE WITH THE
INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF THE ARMED FORCES, AS A RESULT OF WHICH
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THE LEADER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT WAS KILLED.

5. "THE CHIEF OF STATE EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN FOR CARMEN AND ORDERED THAT ALL MEANS POSSIBLE BE USED TO SAVE HER FROM DEATH, SINCE IT IS A CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLE TO DO SO, AND IN ADDITION SHE IS EXPECTING A CHILD WITHIN A SHORT TIME.

6. "THE ACTION OF GENERAL PINOCHET CONFIRMS ONCE AGAIN THAT IN CHILE HUMAN RIGHTS ARE STRICTLY OBSERVED, WHICH SHOWS THE BAD FAITH OF THOSE WHO SAY THE OPPOSITE."

7. COMMUNICATION OF OCT 6 IN NAME OF MOVEMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) AND SENT TO AMBASSADOR (POSTMARKED OCT 14; RECEIVED OCT 16 CONTAINS FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: "WE CALL TO THE REVOLUTIONARIES AND TO THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD TO FIGHT FOR THE LIBERTY AND THE LIFE OF THE COMPANION OF MIGUEL ENRIQUEZ, OR COMRADE CARMEN CASTILLO, WHO IS PREGNANT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AND IS IN THE HANDS OF THE TORTURERS OF THE DICTATORSHIP."

8. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST TIME WE RECALL A MIR DOCUMENT BEING SENT TO THE AMBASSADOR.
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